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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 12

Introduced by Assembly Member Ian Calderon

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 12—Relative to arts education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 12, as amended, Ian Calderon. Arts Education Month: March 2013.

This measure would declare March 2013 as Arts Education Month, would encourage all elected officials to participate with their educational communities in celebrating the arts, and would urge all residents to become interested in and give full support to quality school arts programs for children and youth.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Arts education, which includes dance, music,
2 theatre, and the visual arts, is an essential and integral part of basic
3 education for all pupils in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and grades
4 1 to 12, inclusive; and

5 WHEREAS, The arts are crucial to achieving a state educational
6 policy that is devoted to the teaching of basic academic skills and
7 lifelong learning capacities with the goal of truly preparing all
8 children for success after high school regardless of gender, age,
9 economic status, physical ability, or learning ability; and

10 WHEREAS, A systematic, substantive, and sequential visual
11 and performing arts curriculum addresses and develops ways of
12 thinking, questioning, expression, and learning that complement
13 learning in other core subjects, but that is unique in what it has to
14 offer; and

15 WHEREAS, Pupils benefit from arts learning in the areas of
16 cultural understanding, readiness for learning and creative thinking,
17 cognitive outcomes, emotional intelligence and expression, social
18 interaction and collaboration, and preparation for the workplace
19 and lifelong learning; and

20 WHEREAS, Arts education in California is mandated for pupils
21 in grades 1 to 12, inclusive, by Sections 51210 and 51220 of the
22 Education Code to provide that the adopted course of study shall
23 include instruction in “[v]isual and performing arts, including
24 instruction in the subjects of dance, music, theatre, and visual arts,
25 aimed at the development of aesthetic appreciation and the skills
26 of creative expression”; and

27 WHEREAS, The arts are recognized as part of a quality
28 education, and the University of California and the California State
29 University have instituted a policy that includes visual and
30 performing arts as college preparatory subjects for all high school
31 pupils wishing to enter California’s institutions of higher education;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, Many national and state professional arts education
34 associations hold celebrations in the month of March, giving
35 California schools a unique opportunity to focus on the value of
36 the arts for all pupils, to foster cross-cultural understanding, to
37 give recognition to the state’s outstanding young artists, and to
38 enhance public support for this essential part of the curriculum;
39 now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims the month of
3 March 2013 as Arts Education Month and encourages all elected
4 officials to participate with their educational communities in
5 celebrating the arts with meaningful activities and programs for
6 pupils, teachers, and the public that demonstrate learning and
7 understanding in the visual and performing arts, and urges all
8 residents to become interested in and give full support to quality
9 school arts programs for children and youth; and be it further
10 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
11 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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